



BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2018

Bar Standards Board

Legal Futures – Legal Futures reports that the Bar Council has called on the Bar Standards Board (BSB) to review the rules on fair allocation of work for barristers. The rules cover both fair allocation of work within chambers and ensuring that discriminatory requests from solicitors “for a barrister of a particular sex or race for a particular piece of work” are rejected.

Responding to a consultation on the BSB’s strategic programme for 2019-22, [the Bar Council argued](#) that, since the diversity profile of entrants to the profession was “broadly representative”, regulatory attention on diversity should focus on career progression and ensuring existing rules were fit for purpose.

“In that vein, we urge the BSB to consider reviewing the effectiveness of the rules on the fair allocation of work.

“Our experience is that these rules are not having the desired effect to a sufficient degree and a reconsideration of the approach may be warranted.”

The Bar Council said more work also needed to be done to address “high levels of bullying, discrimination or harassment” among barristers.

LASPO

Politics Home – Politics Home reports on the Bar Council’s short film featuring MPs and charity workers talking about the impact that LASPO and legal aid cuts have had on their constituents and the people they support.

The clips are released in the run-up to Christmas as MPs, charities and the legal sector await the much-delayed publication of the Government’s Post Implementation Review of LASPO.

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What impact have the [#legalaid](#) [#cuts](#) had?

"She had her possessions in a car. Now, that's pretty dire." Chair of [@CommonsJustice](#) [@neill_bob](#) MP in the first of our [#LASPO](#) series on [#legalaid](#) [#cuts](#).

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This year's UK Diversity Legal Awards saw a record number of female barristers win diversity awards! [linkedin.com/pulse/years-uk...](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/years-uk...)

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